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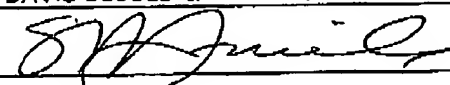

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

In a Notice mailed October 23, 2008 (see attached copy thereof), the Patent Office informed the undersigned that the above identified application was abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to respond to the official communication mailed March 18, 2008. This Notice is believed to have been issued in error as the Applicant timely responded to that outstanding official communication by filing a Response submitted under an June 17, 2008 Certificate of Mailing date (see attached copy of the filed material and the auto-reply facsimile transmission confirming receipt of the same). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the issued Notice of Abandonment and expedited consideration of the previously filed material.

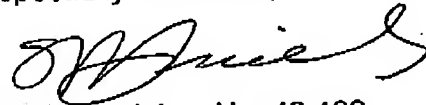
No petition fee is believed payable in view of this Petition however, in the event that a fee is due and payable, please charge the same to our Deposit Account as indicated below.

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In the event that the Patent Office disagrees with Applicant's assessment of this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Patent Office forward a formal explanation of why the Notice of Abandonment should not be withdrawn at this time.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 18 March 2008.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

Examiner called attorney Michael Bujold on 09/24/2008. Bujold said that a response was faxed to the office; however, the response or any possible fees are not present in the application file in eDAN, PALM, or PAIR.

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3767

/Shefali D Patel/
Examiner, Art Unit 3767

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.